

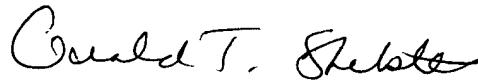
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REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between one of the following inventions in claims of Group I claims 1 in part, 2, and 5-11; the claims of Group II, claim 1 in part, 3 and 5-11; the claims of Group III, claims 1 in part and 4-11; the claims of Group IV, claims 12-18, class 548, subclass 9; the claims of Group V, claims 12-18, class 548, subclass 233.5; and the claims of Group VI, claims 12-18. Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, Claims 1 in part, 2 and 5-11 for prosecution, with traverse.

Applicant believes the restriction requirement to be improper insofar as the claims are so interlinked as to require that searching be conducted in identical classes. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden even though Applicant agrees that the two enumerated inventions may be independent and distinct. Therefore, pursuant to MPEP § 803, the Examiner should examine the entire application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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